

## Summaries of Government Operations-Related Bills Passed During the 2009 General Session

### **H.B. 3 Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations** *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described.

### **H.B. 4 General Obligation Bonds Authorizations** *(Rep. S. Clark)*

This bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for certain capital facilities.

### **\* H.B. 43 Coordinating Municipal and Special District Elections** *(Rep. K. Grover)*

This bill modifies Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts by amending provisions related to the election of board members.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that polling places for a local district and special service district board member election designated by a county clerk shall coincide with municipal general election polling places whenever feasible;
- ▶ repeals the requirement that separate election judges at the same polling place must be used if a local district or special service district election ballot cannot be consolidated with a municipal election ballot;
- ▶ provides that a municipality as well as a county may be reimbursed by a local district or special service district holding an election for the costs of the election attributable to that local district or special service district; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

### **\* 1st Sub. H.B. 44 Local and Special Service District Election Amendments** *(Rep. K. Grover)*

This bill allows local districts and special service districts to conduct elections solely by absentee ballot, and appoint certain candidates to the board.

This bill:

- ▶ allows a local district or special service district candidate to be appointed if unopposed;
- ▶ defines "district";
- ▶ allows a district to conduct an election solely by absentee ballot;

- ▶ addresses the district's provision of information and ballots to voters within the district;
- ▶ provides for the district to obtain signatures from all voters within the district from the voter or county clerk; and
- ▶ addresses the procedure for a district to verify each ballot received.

**\* H.B. 45 Per Diem and Travel Expenses for State Boards and Commissions**

*(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill modifies the Administrative Services Code by amending provisions related to the establishment of per diem and travel expenses for a member of a board, commission, council, or committee in the executive branch of state government.

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies procedures for the establishment of per diem rates by the Division of Finance for a member of a state board, commission, council, or committee in the executive branch of state government;
- ▶ amends the exemption for higher education employees to apply only if higher education is paying the per diem or travel expenses;
- ▶ allows other governmental entities to adopt the established rates by reference;
- ▶ provides that a member who is a government employee that is being paid as an officer or employee while performing the member's service may not receive additional per diem or travel expenses;
- ▶ allows a member of the board or commission to decline to receive per diem;
- ▶ modifies procedures for the establishment of travel expenses by the Division of Finance for a member of a board, commission, council, or committee in the executive branch of state government;
- ▶ allows a member of the board or commission to decline to receive travel expenses; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**\* H.B. 56 Declaration of Candidacy Amendments** *(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending the dates for filing a declaration of candidacy for general elections.

This bill:

- ▶ amends dates for filling midterm vacancies for county or district attorney;
- ▶ changes filing a declaration of candidacy and a petition of nomination dates for officers elected during a general election from between March 7 and March 17 to between the second Friday and the third Friday in March; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**2nd Sub. H.B. 126 Voter Identification for Elections** *(Rep. B. Daw)*

This bill requires that a voter present identification before being allowed to vote.

This bill:

- ▶ requires identification of voters and eliminates certain forms of identification as valid voter identification;
- ▶ requires valid voter identification be presented before a voter may vote;
- ▶ provides for a fee waiver for an application for an identification card by certain indigent applicants;
- ▶ allows the Driver License Division to seek certain information from the Tax Commission to verify a person's indigency;
- ▶ changes or eliminates various provisions addressing the language in voter registration forms, the need for valid voter identification, and the definition of "legally entitled to vote"; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**1st Sub. H.B. 169 Public Lands Policy Coordination Amendments** *(Rep. M. Noel)*

This bill eliminates the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Council and makes changes concerning the Constitutional Defense Council and other entities concerning public lands matters.

This bill:

- ▶ addresses membership of the Constitutional Defense Council;
- ▶ addresses the council's duties;
- ▶ provides that the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office assist the Office of the Attorney General in providing staff support to the Constitutional Defense Council;
- ▶ addresses the development and updating of a plan for R.S. 2477 rights;
- ▶ provides for grants to counties for public lands issues with a state benefit;
- ▶ requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to report to and assist the Constitutional Defense Council in carrying out the Constitutional Defense Council's duties;
- ▶ addresses the state planning coordinator's duties;
- ▶ makes certain documents protected records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act;
- ▶ allows the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to enter into contracts with other state agencies for services; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**H.B. 206 Employment Selection Procedures** *(Rep. W. Harper)*

This bill enacts the Employment Selection Procedures Act to address procedures used by employers to select employees.

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ imposes restrictions on the collection of information or testing;
- ▶ addresses use of information collected;
- ▶ imposes requirements related to the retention, disposition, access, and confidentiality of information; and
- ▶ provides for enforcement, including:

- providing for a complaint process; and
- authorizing rulemaking; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments.

**H.B. 226 Disaster Recovery and Emergency Management Amendments** *(Rep. C. Oda)*

This bill modifies a provision in the Emergency Management Chapter of the Homeland Security Act.

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies that a responding political subdivision may loan equipment and donate services to a requesting, rather than a responding, political subdivision.

**1st Sub. H.B. 232 Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements Revisions**

*(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill changes certain definitions in Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements.

This bill:

- ▶ changes definitions concerning corporations, political action committees, political issues committees, and political issues expenditures;
- ▶ eliminates a definition; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**H.B. 297 Budgetary Procedures Act Recodification** *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill recodifies and makes technical amendments to the Budgetary Procedures Act.

This bill:

- ▶ organizes and groups existing sections of the Budgetary Procedures Act into consistent categories;
- ▶ simplifies structure and language in the act;
- ▶ modifies provisions to list requirements and procedures in chronological order;
- ▶ consolidates, modifies, and provides definitions in the act;
- ▶ removes references to the currently unused term "allotment";
- ▶ updates and coordinates cross references; and
- ▶ makes technical and grammatical changes.

**H.B. 345 Elected Officials - Restrictions on Lobbying** *(Rep. B. Dee)*

This bill enacts the Lobbying Restrictions Act, which places restrictions on certain elected officers' ability to act as a lobbyist after leaving office.

This bill:

- ▶ enacts the Lobbying Restrictions Act, which prohibits certain elected government officials from acting as a lobbyist for one year after leaving office; and
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to disapprove an application for a lobbyist license when the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.

### **3rd Sub. H.B. 346 Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements Amendments**

*(Rep. B. Dee)*

This bill addresses the reporting of contributions and public service assistance for various candidates for office and officeholders.

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ addresses the reporting of in-kind contributions;
- ▶ requires contributions and public service assistance to be reported within 30 days of the day on which they are received;
- ▶ requires contributions and public service assistance that are made in the form of a negotiable instrument or check to be negotiated before the filing deadline for, and included on, interim reports; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

### **H.B. 391 Budgetary Procedures Act Revisions** *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Budgetary Procedures Act.

This bill:

- ▶ reclassifies the Invasive Species Mitigation Fund from a restricted special revenue fund to a general fund restricted account;
- ▶ reclassifies the Rangeland Improvement Fund from a restricted special revenue account to a general fund restricted account;
- ▶ provides that interest accrued from the Rangeland Improvement Fund be deposited into the General Fund;
- ▶ converts the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund to a program funded by an appropriation line item for the Quality Growth Commission;
- ▶ removes references to the use of loans in relation to the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program;
- ▶ provides that the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program's line item be nonlapsing;
- ▶ reclassifies the Rural Health Care Facilities Fund from a restricted special revenue fund to a general fund restricted account;
- ▶ revises agency fee language to accommodate the removal of the "regulatory" fee designation;
- ▶ creates, modifies, and provides definitions in the Budgetary Procedures Act;
- ▶ clarifies the procedures to be followed when seeking to expend dedicated credits in excess of the amount appropriated by the Legislature;
- ▶ clarifies procedures and simplifies timelines relating to the governor's submission of a proposed budget;
- ▶ defines the term "work program" and clarifies and modifies the procedures for work program adjustments;
- ▶ clarifies and makes amendments to the procedures for approving the transfer of monies between programs;
- ▶ requires the Division of Finance to audit all claims against the state for which an

- ▶ appropriation has been made;
- ▶ creates a preference for purchase card accounts over petty cash funds and provides procedures for approving and reviewing petty account funds;
- ▶ provides that the Division of Finance, rather than the governor, review applications and establish petty cash funds;
- ▶ permits the Division of Finance to eliminate existing cash funds in favor of a purchasing card account;
- ▶ requires reports of overexpended line items to be submitted to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in addition to the Board of Examiners;
- ▶ modifies language related to the governor's obligation to reduce commitments and expenditures in a deficit situation;
- ▶ requires that, in the event of a deficiency, state agencies proportionally reduce commitments and expenditures;
- ▶ removes any distinction between "fees" and "regulatory fees";
- ▶ provides that all fees charged by an agency must be submitted to the Legislature and approved in an appropriations act;
- ▶ clarifies that an agency must hold a public hearing on establishing or modifying a fee before presenting the fee for legislative review;
- ▶ changes the term "college and university funds" to "discrete component unit funds" to comply with currently existing definitions in other sections of the code;
- ▶ requires state institutions of higher education to report nonlapsing balances to the Division of Finance by the September 1 following the close of the fiscal year;
- ▶ consolidates the listing of all nonlapsing funds and accounts;
- ▶ requires that an account or fund be expressly referenced as nonlapsing in the Budgetary Procedures Act in order for the account or fund to be treated as nonlapsing;
- ▶ requires legislative appropriations subcommittees to review those accounts and funds that have been granted nonlapsing authority on a yearly basis;
- ▶ requires each agency to report the balances of any dedicated credits and fixed collections at the end of each fiscal year; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**2nd Sub. H.B. 400 Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Amendments** *(Rep. C. Oda)*

This bill makes changes to the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission and eliminates the Utah Sports Authority.

This bill:

- ▶ eliminates the Utah Sports Authority;
- ▶ removes a provision limiting the number of terms a commissioner may serve;
- ▶ eliminates the position of secretary of the commission and creates the position of director;
- ▶ allows the commission to affiliate with a tribal boxing commission or athletic authority;
- ▶ addresses the licensing of licensees and provides for the commission to make

- rules concerning license requirements;
- ▶ allows the commission to establish classifications of officials by rule;
- ▶ removes a provision requiring a licensee to provide a history of the person's matches;
- ▶ makes certain monies nonlapsing;
- ▶ allows the commission to establish license renewal intervals by rule;
- ▶ addresses the denial of a license;
- ▶ removes a provision for the transition of license from the Department of Commerce;
- ▶ allows the commission to establish fees by rule;
- ▶ allows the commission to establish weight classes by rule;
- ▶ allows the commission to permit a contestant to fight another contestant from a different weight class;
- ▶ allows the commission to establish wait times between contest by rule;
- ▶ addresses elimination unarmed combat contests; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**H.B. 436 State Prohibition of Sudan Related Contracts** *(Rep. D. Litvack)*

This bill modifies the Utah Procurement Code by requiring the State Procurement Policy Board to make certain rules related to contracting with companies doing business in Sudan.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Procurement Policy Board to make rules that are consistent with provisions of the federal Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 forbidding a state agency from contracting with a person who does business in Sudan;
- ▶ requires the board to make an annual report to the Legislature concerning the establishment, implementation, and enforcement of rules; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**1st Sub. H.J.R. 8 Joint Resolution Regarding Secret Ballot** *(Rep. C. Wimmer)*

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend a provision of the Utah Constitution relating to voting by secret ballot.

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ include elections under state or federal law for public office, on an initiative or referendum, or to designate or authorize employee representation or individual representation among the elections that are required to be by secret ballot; and
- ▶ make technical changes.

**H.J.R. 14 Joint Rules Resolution - Ethics Training Course Provisions** *(Rep. L. Fowlke)*

This joint resolution of the Legislature enacts a provision for the development and completion of an ethics training course for legislators and lobbyists.

This resolution:

- ▶ requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to develop and maintain an ethics training course for members of the Legislature and lobbyists;
- ▶ requires that training materials and exercises be available on the Internet to legislators, lobbyists, and to the public;
- ▶ provides that the course be designed to assist legislators and lobbyists in understanding and complying with current ethical and campaign finance requirements;
- ▶ requires that provisions be included to verify when a legislator or lobbyist has successfully completed training exercises; and
- ▶ requires that legislators and lobbyists complete the course annually or as directed by the Legislative Management Committee.

**H.J.R. 29 Legislative Direction to the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program**  
*(Rep. B. Dee)*

This resolution directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program on the medical coverage premium share and increase costs issues for state employees.

This resolution:

- ▶ directs PEHP and the Department of Human Resource Management to change the current employer premium share for HMO medical coverage to 95% employer and 5% employee and adjust the high deductible plans proportionately; and
- ▶ directs PEHP and the executive director of the Department of Human Resource Management to formulate benefits for Fiscal Year 2009-10 to cover any remaining health care cost increases.

**S.B. 2 New Fiscal Year Appropriations Act** *(Sen. L. Hillyard)*

This bill:

- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language;
- ▶ approves employment levels for internal service funds;
- ▶ approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds;
- ▶ authorizes rates and fees.

**S.B. 3 Appropriations Adjustments** *(Sen. L. Hillyard)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain



- institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides funds for the bills with fiscal impact passed in the 2009 General Session;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described;
- ▶ approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds;
- ▶ authorizes rates and fees;
- ▶ provides intent language.

**S.B. 5 Revenue Bond and Capital Facilities Authorizations** *(Sen. W. Niederhauser)*

This bill authorizes certain state agencies and higher education institutions to issue revenue bonds, build capital facilities using agency, institutional, or donated funds, or lease or dispose of real property.

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds by the State Building Ownership Authority and the State Board of Regents;
- ▶ authorizes other capital facility design and construction to be funded from agency, institutional, or donated funds; and
- ▶ authorizes the lease or disposal of certain state real property.

**1st Sub. S.B. 18 Utah Transparency Advisory Board Amendments** *(Sen. W. Niederhauser)*

This bill requires certain local governments and other entities to provide information to and participate in the Utah Public Finance Website.

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ changes the composition of the Utah Transparency Advisory Board;
- ▶ provides for financial information from certain local entities to be included on the local entities' websites and linked to the Utah Public Finance Website;
- ▶ provides for an exception from liability provisions for improper disclosure of records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act;
- ▶ provides time periods for the provision of financial information by local entities; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**\* S.B. 24 Early Voting Amendments** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies provisions in the Election Code relating to early voting polling places.

This bill:

- ▶ repeals a requirement that counties of the first class provide at least one early voting polling place within each Utah State Senate district in the county and that at least one of those early voting polling places is open on each day that early voting is offered;
- ▶ requires that early voting polling places be proportionately distributed based on population within a county of the first class; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**\* S.B. 25 Online Voter Registration** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill allows the lieutenant governor to create an online system for voter registration.  
This bill:

- ▶ allows the lieutenant governor to create an electronic system for voter registration;
- ▶ addresses the information and authorization required from an applicant for voter registration who uses the electronic system;
- ▶ authorizes the use of an applicant's signature obtained from driver license or identification card records for voter registration purposes;
- ▶ authorizes the lieutenant governor to implement additional security measures in connection with the electronic voter registration system;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to forward an applicant's materials to the appropriate county clerk for processing;
- ▶ requires the Driver License Division to provide a digital copy of an applicant's driver license or identification card record to the lieutenant governor or county clerk; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**\* S.B. 26 Open and Public Meetings Act - Meeting Record** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act by amending provisions related to minutes and a recording of an open meeting.

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies that the minutes of a meeting must include information requested to be added by a member only if that information was part of the proceedings of the meeting;
- ▶ provides specific circumstances as to when the written minutes of an open meeting become a public record;
- ▶ requires a public body to establish and implement procedures for approval of written minutes;
- ▶ requires that a recording of an open meeting must be available to the public for listening within three business days after the meeting;
- ▶ repeals a requirement that a recording must be converted to written minutes within a reasonable time upon request;
- ▶ provides that a meeting recording is not required for site visits or traveling tour or for certain small local districts; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**\* 1st Sub. S.B. 27 Election Law Changes** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill makes changes to Title 20A, Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies the requirements to be legally entitled to vote when voting in a precinct outside of one's own;
- ▶ changes the date for the Western States Presidential Primary election canvass;
- ▶ changes numerous provisions that require specific placement of various ballot

- items to more general placement requirements;
- ▶ clarifies that a proposed constitutional amendment is a "measure" for the purposes of Title 20A, Chapter 7, Issues Submitted to the Voters;
- ▶ addresses the responsibility for prosecuting misconduct of electors and officers;
- ▶ changes the unaffiliated candidate pledge to include a pledge concerning campaign financial disclosures;
- ▶ changes filing deadlines for certain city, town, or local district offices;
- ▶ allows an unaffiliated candidate for President or Vice President of the United States to use a designated agent to file a certificate of nomination;
- ▶ clarifies that a write-in candidate must file a declaration of candidacy in person or through a designated agent; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**2nd Sub. S.B. 124 Indemnification for Design Professional Services** *(Sen. G. Bell)*

This bill forbids certain indemnification provisions in contracts entered into using public funds by a state agency.

This bill:

- ▶ defines "design professional" to include certain architects, engineers, and surveyors;
- ▶ forbids a design professional from indemnifying certain parties to a contract entered into by a state agency;
- ▶ provides exceptions for:
  - a design professional's negligence, wrongful conduct, or certain other conduct; and
  - indemnification of others under the design professional's control; and
- ▶ prohibits waiving the indemnification prohibition by contract.

**1st Sub. S.B. 126 State Personnel Management Act Amendments** *(Sen. D. Liljenquist)*

This bill eliminates the reappointment register from which certain career service employees must be rehired.

This bill:

- ▶ eliminates the reappointment register for:
  - a career service employee appointed to an exempt position who is not retained by the appointing authority; and
  - a career service employee separated in a reduction in force;
- ▶ allows for preferential consideration for a career service employee separated in a reduction in force who applies for another career service position;
- ▶ removes from the remedies available to the Career Service Review Board the ability to place an employee on the reappointment register; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**S.B. 138 Internal Service Fund Rate Committee Amendments** *(Sen. J. Valentine)*

This bill modifies member provisions for the Rate Committees with the Department of

Administrative Services and the Department of Human Resource Management.

This bill:

- ▶ specifies that the chair of the rate committee within the Department of Administrative Services may not be from an agency that receives payment of a rate set by the committee;
- ▶ specifies that the chair of the rate committee within the Department of Human Resource Management may not be from an agency that receives payment of a rate set by the committee; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**S.B. 143 Sunset Act and Repealers Reauthorizations** *(Sen. S. Killpack)*

This bill reauthorizes certain state entities and programs that would otherwise sunset before the 2010 Annual General Session of the Utah Legislature.

This bill:

- ▶ reauthorizes certain named state entities and programs that are scheduled to sunset before the 2010 Annual General Session; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**S.B. 152 Legislative Management Powers** *(Sen. M. Waddoups)*

This bill amends the statutory duties and powers of the Legislative Management Committee.

This bill:

- ▶ provides, in statute, that the Legislative Management Committee has the authority to direct the legislative general counsel in matters involving the Legislature's participation in litigation.

**S.B. 156 Gifts and Meal Provisions for Public Officials** *(Sen. G. Bell)*

This bill addresses the provision and reporting of gifts and meals to public officials.

This bill:

- ▶ addresses the definition of "tangible personal property";
- ▶ includes admission to various events in the definition of "gift";
- ▶ requires reporting of meals costing more than \$25 provided to a public official under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**S.B. 158 Child Support - Cash Medical Support** *(Sen. G. Bell)*

This bill defines the term "cash medical support" as an obligation to equally share all reasonable and necessary medical and dental expenses of children and requires the court and the Office of Recovery Services to provide cash medical support provisions in child support orders.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the court to include a cash medical support provision in its child support orders; and

- ▶ requires the Office of Recovery Services to include a provision assigning responsibility for cash medical support in its orders.

**S.B. 161 Repeal of Maximum Charge to Publish Legal Notice** *(Sen. K. Van Tassell)*

This bill amends the maximum charge to publish a legal notice in a fourth or fifth class city.

This bill:

- ▶ amends the maximum charge to publish a legal notice in a fourth or fifth class city; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

**S.B. 162 Use of Campaign Funds Amendments** *(Sen. J. Valentine)*

This bill prohibits the use of campaign and officeholder funds for a purpose that would result in the funds' recognition as taxable income under federal tax law.

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits the use of campaign and officeholder funds for a purpose that would result in the candidate or officeholder recognizing the funds as taxable income under federal tax law; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**S.B. 201 General Obligation Bond Authorization Amendments** *(Sen. W. Niederhauser)*

This bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for certain capital facilities.

This bill:

- ▶ makes technical changes;
- ▶ modifies the bonding code by authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds by the State Bonding Commission for capital facilities;
- ▶ specifies the use of the general obligation bond proceeds and the manner of issuance; and
- ▶ provides expressions of legislative intent.

**3rd Sub. S.B. 208 Utah Public Notice Website Amendments** *(Sen. S. Urquhart)*

This bill amends provisions of the Utah Code to allow posting of legal notices on a website.

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions of the Utah Code to allow posting of legal notices on a website; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

**S.C.R. 2 Concurrent Resolution - a Call to Civility** *(Sen. J. Valentine)*

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the people of Utah to return to fundamental principles that will lead to greater civility and respectful public discourse.

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the people of Utah to return to fundamental principles that will lead to greater civility and a new spirit of community; and
- ▶ invites all Utahns to join the Legislature and the Governor in affirming established ground rules for respectful public discourse and behavior.

## **2nd Sub. S.J.R. 6 Legislator Communications with Judiciary Joint Rules Resolution**

*(Sen. J. Valentine)*

This bill creates a chapter in the legislative rules relating to communications with the judiciary.

This resolution:

- ▶ provides guidelines and restrictions for legislators when communicating with judges;
- ▶ prohibits legislators from communicating with a judge in reference to a particular judicial case or proceeding until a final order has been made;
- ▶ provides guidelines for communicating with the Administrative Office of the Courts or the clerk of the court in other circumstances; and
- ▶ provides an exception for communications made in the ordinary course of a legislator's private employment, except where a legislator attempts to use his or her status as legislator to exert undue influence.

## **S.J.R. 8 Joint Resolution Regarding Eligibility for Legislative Office** *(Sen. S. McCoy)*

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to amend a provision relating to legislator eligibility.

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ specify that the time for calculating residency requirements for a person appointed to fill mid-term vacancies in the office of senator or representative is the time of appointment rather than the time for filing for the office;
- ▶ clarify that a provision prohibiting a senator or representative from continuing to serve after ceasing to be a resident of the applicable district applies also to a person appointed to fill a mid-term vacancy; and
- ▶ make technical changes.

\* Indicates bills recommended by the Government Operations Interim Committee during the 2008 interim (8 of 10 passed)